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I have been involved in the use of computer software for many years now,
from long before the domination of the PC by Microsoft. The
standardization of software API's is a good thing, but in my opinion
Microsoft has brought the software platforms to a mere shadow of what could
have been achieved had the programming interface to their OS been truly
open. Too many good products have gone by the wayside as MS brought out
their own version, often poorly implemented. The WWW is a prime example.
I truly dislike the IE explorer, however, the MS implementation of Java has
forced web pages to support multiple implementations of Java, with the
result often that the only one which works is the one for IE.

This behavior *must* be stopped. What does it truly show if the US wins an
antitrust suit and then gives a stamp of approval to the same behaviors?
In my opinion, the original court order to break up MS didn't go far
enough.

Please take the appropriate action with this settlement. Don't let the
public down this time.

Regards,
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